



2009 Pandemic Influenza (H1N1) Vaccine Spacing and Administration with Seasonal Influenza and Other Vaccines Questions and Answers

For children between the ages of 6 months to 9 years

Q: If my child is between the ages of 6 months to 9 years and receives the H1N1 flu vaccine (inactivated shot or nasal spray), how many days should I wait before getting my child the second dose of the H1N1 flu vaccine?

A: It is recommended that the two doses of either H1N1 flu vaccine (inactivated shot or nasal spray) be separated by 21-28 days. A minimum of 14 days may be acceptable for the two doses of the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine.

Q: If my child is between the ages of 6 months to 9 years and receives one type of H1N1 flu vaccine, such as the nasal spray, for the first dose, can my child receive a different type of the H1N1 flu vaccine, such as the inactivated shot, for the second dose?

A: Yes. Using the same type of vaccine for the first and second dose is preferred. If this is not possible, either type of vaccine may be used for the second dose.

For individuals over 9 years of age:

Q: I received the nasal spray flu vaccine (FluMist) for the seasonal flu and for the 2009 H1N1 flu within 13 days of each other. Are both vaccinations valid?

A: No, only the flu vaccine given first is valid. The vaccine administered second should be repeated. However, you must wait at least 14 days from when you received the second vaccine to have it administered again.

Q: If I received the seasonal nasal spray (FluMist) vaccine and the H1N1 nasal spray flu vaccine during the same visit. Do I need to repeat either vaccine?

A: No, but administering both doses at the same visit is not recommended.

Q: If I receive an H1N1 inactivated flu shot and a seasonal nasal spray (FluMist) vaccine during the same visit, do I need to repeat either vaccine?

A: No. These vaccines can be administered at the same time or any interval between.

Q: If I receive an MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) or other live virus vaccine, can I receive the H1N1 nasal spray flu vaccine at the same visit?

A: Yes- these vaccines can be administered on the same day. If not administered at the same visit, vaccines should be separated by at least 28 days.

Q: If I receive an MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) or other live virus vaccine, can I receive the H1N1 inactivated flu shot at the same visit?

A: Yes- these vaccines can be administered on the same day or any interval (one or more days) between.

Q: If I receive an inactivated vaccine (other than flu or H1N1) such as pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV), can I receive the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine at the same visit?

A: Yes- vaccines can be administered on the same day or any interval (one or more days) between.

Q: If I receive an inactivated vaccine (other than flu or H1N1) such as pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV), can I receive the H1N1 inactivated flu shot at the same visit?

A: Yes- the vaccines can be administered on the same day or any interval (one or more days) between.